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OF THE



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES,

ON THE

INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION OF 1851.

ROOMS OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE,

WASHINGTON, 22d October, 1850.

The Central Authority of the United States for the Industrial Exhibition to be held in London, in May 1851, issued in June last, to the Governors of the different States and Territories, a formal request that they would appoint a local Committee for their respective States, in order that the citizens thereof might possess every facility for the representation of their various products at this exhibition of the Industry, Genius and Skill, of all Nations.

In conformity with this request, the Executive Committee has been advised of the appointment of Committees to act in behalf of the citizens of the following States, viz: Maine, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Mississippi, Illinois, Maryland, Missouri, South Carolina, Alabama, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Ohio, and Indiana.

As it is supposed that the citizens of States which have not, through their Governors, responded to the request, would be disappointed on discovering, when too late to be remedied, that their productions were to be precluded appearing at an exhibition from which they had, perhaps, anticipated great advantages, the Executive Committee is induced to make *another call* upon these States, through their Chief Executive Officers. The articles must be shipped in time to reach London prior to the first day of March, subsequent to which they cannot be admitted to the exhibition; therefore, the Executive Committee is impelled earnestly to solicit the earliest attention to the subject.

The Commissioners in London have appropriated to the whole United States 85,000 square feet of space, of which the one-half is to be occupied by passages. To distribute or assign this ground to the several States in proportion to their area or population, would unquestionably lead to a very unequal distribution in proportion to the actual demands of each—giving to one State a great excess of space, such as would be found entirely unnecessary for the exhibition of its productions, while that assigned to another would be so circumscribed as to require, perhaps, the rejection of articles of value and interest. It is, therefore, of the first importance, that each State furnish, as early as possible, an estimate of the amount of space it will be able creditably to fill; recollecting that the character of the articles rather than the quantity should be considered.

To those States which make no report through their Committees, before the 1st of December, specifying the amount of space required, no allotment will be made, but the entire amount will be immediately assigned to those which may have made report, in proportion to the requirements of each, and publication thereof be made accordingly.

To these regulations, required by existing circumstances, attention is respectfully solicited by the Executive Committee.

The Committee is highly gratified in being able to state, that such assurance has been received from the President of the United States, and the Secretary of the Navy, as to justify the expectation that a public vessel will be commissioned to convey to London, all articles (destined for the Exhibition,) which may be approved by the Central Authority.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary of the Executive Committee.

By order of the Executive Committee.

PETER FORCE, CHAIRMAN.

JOS. C. G. KENNEDY, Secretary Ex. Committee.

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